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Message to the Congress on Trade With Vietnam

June 8, 2001

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 407 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2434) (the “Trade Act”), I am transmitting a copy of a proclamation that extends non-discriminatory tariff treatment to the products of Vietnam. As an annex to the proclamation, I also enclose the text of the “Agreement Between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Trade Relations,” which was signed on July 13, 2000, including related annexes and exchanges of letters.

Implementation of this Agreement will strengthen political relations between the United States and Vietnam and produce economic benefits for both countries. It will also help to reinforce political and economic reform in Vietnam.

I believe that the Agreement is consistent with both the letter and spirit of the Trade Act. The Agreement provides for mutual extension of nondiscriminatory tariff treatment, while seeking to ensure overall reciprocity of economic benefits. The Agreement includes safeguard arrangements designed to ensure that imports from Vietnam will not disrupt the U.S. market.

The Agreement also facilitates and expands the rights that U.S. businesses will have in conducting commercial transactions both within Vietnam and with Vietnamese nationals and business entities, and includes provisions dealing with settlement of commercial disputes, investment, financial transactions, and the establishment of government commercial offices. Vietnam also agrees to adopt standards for intellectual property protection that match the standards set forth in the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

On June 1, 2001, I waived application of subsections 402 (a) and (b) of the Trade Act with respect to Vietnam. I urge that Congress act as soon as possible to approve, by a joint

resolution referred to in section 151 (b) (3) of the Trade Act, the extension of non-discriminatory treatment to the products of Vietnam as provided for in the Agreement.

George W. Bush

The White House,
June 8, 2001.

Memorandum on a Determination Under Section 405(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as Amended, Concerning the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

June 8, 2001

Presidential Determination No. 2001–18

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Determination under Section 405(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, Concerning the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2431 *et seq.*) (the “Trade Act”), I determine, pursuant to section 405(a) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2435(a)), that the “Agreement Between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Trade Relations” will promote the purposes of the Trade Act and is in the national interest.

You are authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 3

In the afternoon, the President returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC, where he and Mrs. Bush hosted a tee-ball game on the South Lawn.